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May 25, 2005 LB 13, 13A, 70, 227, 256, 256A, 343, 425 465, 557, 573, 693, 761, 761A

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion to override was not successful, and I do raise the call. Mr. Clerk, next motion please, MO 63.

CLERK: Mr. President, may I read some items before that?

SENATOR CUDABACK: You may.

CLERK: Thank you. Mr. President, your Committee on Enrollment and Review reports they have examined LB 13 and recommend that same be placed on Select File; LB 13A, LB 465, LB 761, LB 761A, LB 227, LB 256, LB 256A, LB 693, LB 557, LB 573, and LB 343. Senator Smith, an amendment to LB 70 to be printed. (Legislative Journal pages 1778-1789.)

Mr. President, the next motion I have is by Senator Thompson. Senator Thompson would move that Section 102, Health and Human Services, Program 39, protection and safety of children for child advocacy centers, that provision of LB 425, become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Thompson, you're recognized to open on MO 63.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, this fall I received a visit from a number of people who work with the community health...with the child advocacy centers around the state. Now, bear in mind that this is a nicer name than what these really are. What these are, are places where sexually abused children are brought. So we don't call them child...sexually abused children examination centers. We call them child advocacy centers. And the reason I worry about how this gets reported and how this is on your sheet is that you may think this is some group of people who come together who say good things on behalf of children. This is the ugly, ugly side of life, and it's things that we in the state wish didn't It's the things that make us squirm when we read the stories, that give us heartache, but they're our responsibility. The people who work at these centers have no lobbyist, and that's probably why half the floor is gone now, because this is the one veto override that doesn't have a lobbyist to help. I'm going to hope that the few of you who are still here